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Mad Kweer



We all have a little queer inside of us
Some of us just like to express it more often

Oh how I love you When know one else will

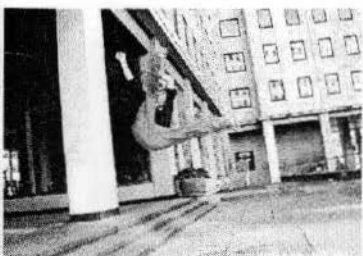
So I am quickly finishing this up because I have to meet some of you at the Break the Silence event at the capitol in a few minutes. I hope you like this next copy of Mad Kweer. There's movie, lessons, pics, and lots of sex. Ok, not a lot of sex, but I think I mention it here and there. For those of you who know who I am, I miss seeing most of you and I hope you all are continuing to rock. I'm super happy to hear that some of you are going off to college and that you have 4 more years to explore who you are and where you are going. I am also glad to hear that some of you are graduating and that you are going to try and stay or move to Madison. Know that you have gay friends everywhere here and that all though there are some of us who are big jerks, there are also some who will honestly care about you. And for those who have a few years left in school, hold out and keep going. Sometimes High School life really sucks, but the harder you try at getting good grades and doing other activities the easier it will be for you out here in the real world.

Remember to keep hope in your heart and love for your fellow kweer family. We are here together, and although different, we are similar in the pain we felt for loving those who we used to be discouraged to love.

And remember to always protect yourself during sex. The best love you can do is to love yourself. No doesn't mean you don't care for someone, it means you care for your self which is what the other person should think about as well.

Love ya all!! -Shawn

Parkcore

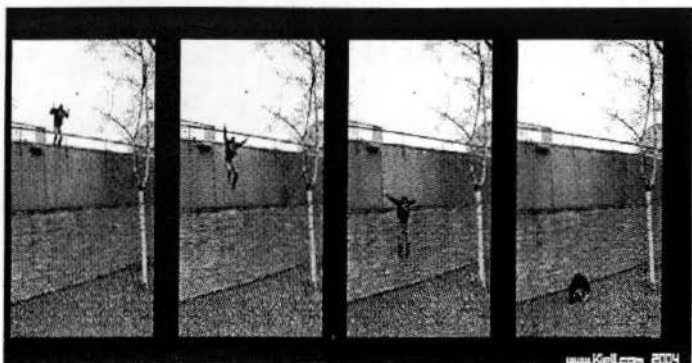


PS: We will not be held responsible for you going out and doing stupid stuff to get hurt. So don't try it!!



Parkcore is a new extreme sport where you take obstacles in the city (walls, buildings, stairways) and you go over them, under them or around them using some crazy arial or gymnastic moves. The purpose of the sport is to lose your fears, be more comfortable about what you can do and to break free from the linear path that sometimes bound us to do the same boring things everyday. CAUTION: Please don't go jumping across rooftops or down stairways without practicing on less harmful areas. People can get hurt through this, so take it slow and build up your confidence. Here are some sights to check out if interested in learning more:

www.urbanfreeflow.com



Here's my Story



By Preston

In June of 2001, I was raped by what was one of my nearest and dearest friends. He was moving out of the state, so I had to spend as much time with him as possible before the big move. One night, he came over to my apartment to watch movies with me and to just hang out. I got up and opened the door to find him with this weird grin on his face. I could tell he was strung out on coke again. He came inside. I closed the door, locked it, and as soon as the deadbolt slammed shut, he had my arms pinned behind my back. I thought he was just joking around at first, but when I told him to stop, and he wouldn't, I panicked. I sort of halfway blacked out at some point here. Not really blacked out, more like zoned out. He held me down there on the floor, and, well yea. He finished, jumped up, and left as if nothing had ever happened. I just stayed there on the floor. Eventually, I got up and went to take a series of showers.

By Thursday, August 9, my lymph nodes had swollen. The right half of my neck looked like someone had shoved an egg directly under the skin. People at work told me to go have it checked on. Eventually, after my mom made me, I went to the doctor. Since it was almost time for me to be retested anyway, I decided to go ahead and get tested for HIV. I was told that the results would be back by Tuesday of the next week. I called to see if my results were back. The nurse told me that the doctor wants to see me asap, but she didn't say why or make it sound that urgent. I told my mother this, and she knew something was up.

Wednesday, August 22, I am told that I have tested positive for HIV. Exactly two weeks later, I turned 20. My mom sat there and held my hand. I went totally numb and tried desperately to choke back tears. I wanted to be strong for my mother. Her biggest fear when I told her that I am gay was that this would happen. I felt like I had let my family down.

I am still coping with all of it. I am, now, not even 6 months into the positive community. I am trying to find joy and strength wherever I can. Surely this is my life's "rock bottom," so the way I look at it, everything HAS to be uphill from here.

To read more stories from youth who are HIV+, go to:
<http://www.youthhiv.org/community/pozyouth/stories.cfm>

Signs of our Times



is heterosexuality just
a phase you might
be going through?

I don't have a problem
with heterosexuals...



...but why do they have to
make such a spectacle
of themselves?

bisexuality immediately
doubles your chances of
a date on Saturday night

Woody Allen

2 of a kind
beats
a straight

Queer
by nature & Proud
by choice

Heterosexuality
isn't normal
it's just common

10 Tips to Stay Drama Free (err...well...Drama semi-free)

- 1. Bashing Lifestyles & Recreation Choices:** Everyone has different tastes and life experiences. Just cause you don't do what others do doesn't make those choices you haven't made any worse. Mediate your ignorance.
- 2. Proclaiming your sexual self-righteousness:** Acting as if your all pure by bashing someone who has a secret going around the rumor mill will only backfire on you. It makes everyone feel bad and gives sex a bad name. Try and promote an air of supportiveness.
- 3. Telling lies about your sexual prowess:** When you boast about your great sexual experiences, it will only make people feel insecure and inadequate and make them think you are a big mouth.
- 4. Pretending not to notice someone:** who is noticing you when you are fully aware, especially when it's your friends. Instead walk up to them, say hi and give them a hug. Be the person who makes people feel comfortable.
- 5. Not introducing mutual friends:** because you're afraid they'll like each other better than you. If they like each other better than you, it's probably because you're not so nice. Always introduce everyone in social settings.
- 6. Talking way too loud about things and people you know nothing about.** If you do this in a crowd someone is bound to overhear you and in no time people will think of you as a shallow know-it-all gossip who has no respect for other's feelings.
- 7. Bashing someone else's success in order to make yourself feel better and hide your jealousy.** As a group, we queer kids need to stick together and help one another out. The more happy successful queer kids out there, the happier we all will be. Be proud, tell him and others you are proud of him.
- 8. Being rude with your cell phone:** There's nothing wrong with having a cell phone, but using it as a status symbol or to make yourself feel important is for yuppie people. Putting your cell phone on the table, constantly flipping through your phonebook, talking on a cell when hanging with friends is basically nasty taste. Don't let your phone be more important than the people and the moment at hand.
- 9. Making material status important.** Often our internal/external homophobia leads us to need to prove to our parents and friends that we are worthy in their eyes. Instead of building on material self worth, try and build on your own self worth and notice people liking you for who you are, not what you have.
- 10. Re-telling events as though you were godlike.** You may not realize it, but this is incredibly transparent. Saying "and all these guys kept hitting on me, and this guy kept grabbing my ass" is incredibly ineffective at making you desirable. Be mysterious, it's sexy.

Homo History

Our lives...Our culture

Who was Harvey Milk
(that the gay school in NY is named after)?

Harvey Milk was born on May 22, 1930 in Long Island, NY. His real name was Glimpy Milch (that must have made school hard for him). He went to college in NY and then after graduation joined the Navy. He was then dishonorably discharged when they found out he was a big homo. Like many homos in the early 1970's, he migrated to San Francisco to look for a community of fellow queers.

In 1977, Harvey became the first openly Gay person to be elected to the Board of Supervisors. This was in the wake of Anita Bryant (The evil witch of the East in our Gay Oz) who was a religious nut who had a large following of anti-gay people. He was more well known for fighting against the system after seeing it never working to the advantage of gay people. Even after being elected, he continued to fight the complacency of most gay people to start fighting for their rights as humans and citizens.



(1st Day at Harvey Milk School, NY)

Harvey was assassinated on November 27, 1978 as was the mayor of San Francisco. The murderer, Danny White, was only sentenced 7yrs in prison for killing these two men because, according to the file, he was unaccountable for his actions because of the excess of junk food he ate that day (in other words, because he killed a queer and that didn't matter). Because of the ruling, thousands of queers took to the streets for the largest riots ever to occur in San Francisco.

Harvey Milk is definitely one of greatest men to fight for homo rights. He anticipated that because of his beliefs, he would be murdered one day. One of the lines in his will was:

If a bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet door.



To be supporting enough and loving enough and reassuring enough that he could take people as screwed up as people like me and convince us to march with him.

He wanted people to say the word "gay" without shame!





Drive within the lines?

Males do not represent two discrete populations, heterosexual and homosexual. The world is not divided into sheep and goats. Not all things are black, nor all things white. It is a fundamental of taxonomy that nature rarely deals with discrete categories. Only the human mind invents categories and tries to force facts into separated pigeon-holes. The living world is a continuum in each and every one of its aspects.

-Kinsey

Where to go, where to go?? I thought I was in the straight lane until that cute college scooter boy bumped me into the bisexual lane. But then I noticed that none of the glam girls were doing it for me so I moved on over to the gay lane. I enjoyed the gay lane but felt like my car and me didn't quite belong here. So now which lane do I get in? I wish I could get into the straight lane just to bump some guys off into the bisexual lane but of course that is a no-no on this highway of life (but I notice that those scooters don't seem like they would need to take much pushing to get over there). Is it ok if I do go back and forth between lanes? I think so as long as I signal to others that I'm not one to be stuck on one path. My destination beckons me to try different paths and see which is the most fun to go on. What will people say though? What if I get a crush on my boyish lesbian friend and something happens between us? Am I still gay? What if I fall for a boy who becomes a girl? Or a girl who becomes a boy? Where's that lane? Ugh, all these questions I keep thinking about and all the while I'm off on this curb not getting any further. What if I just went where my heart and body wanted me to go and stopped trying to think about where I should be?

Maybe you should do the same. Love all and be loved by all.

**Recruit...Recruit
Then get married!**

***It's Legal for us to have Sex...
but let's leave it at that!***



***Don't Ask... Don't Tell...
Don't Get Married!***

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTRY OF HOMELAND SECURITY

**Come Thank ACTION WISCONSIN for fighting for GLBT
Rights here in Wisconsin**

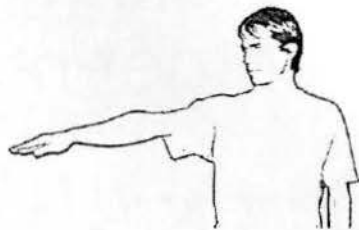
When: May 10th 5pm—8 or 9pm

**Where: Wilmar Center on Jennifer St (EAST SIDE close to
Willy St.)**

All are welcome!!!



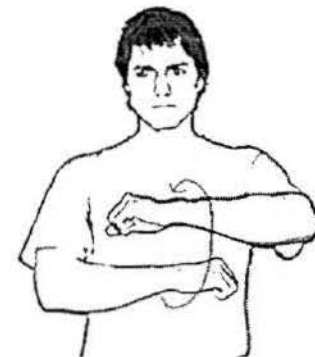
Rise up...your blowjob bores me



You need to be taller then this to get on this ride.



I think this is a German mating dance



I am versatile



I have web hands. Please be gentle with me!!

Hand Gestures:

When words cannot express how you feel
or
Cannot/should not be heard by others



Would you like me to massage your butt with my crotch?



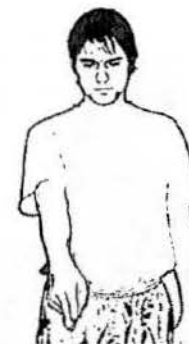
Back off or I will chop your head off, you psycho



...minutes before I jump you!!



You can lick me here and here.....



I command you to rise!!



Be careful....my nipples are still sensitive from last night

SO YOU LIKE MY WRITINGS? YOU LIKE THAT I HAVE HORRIBLE SENTENCE CONSTRUCTIONS, GRAMMAR THAT MAKES YOU CRINGE, AND VERY LITTLE CONSISTENCY? GOOD, THEN JOIN ME IN WRITING STUFF ABOUT BEING YOUNG AND QUEER HERE IN MADISON OR IN WISCONSIN IN GENERAL. THEN I CAN GET THAT INFO INTO THIS ZINE AND HAVE LESS ROOM FOR MY OWN SELF EMBARRASSMENT

WANT TELL US WHAT
YOU
IN HERE!



Some nice queer-friendly guys. I think they dig girls though. Hmmm. Well, you can see them at Blue Lotus. Ask for JOHN KID for all of your piercing fun and DUSTIN for tattoos. If your nice, JOHN KID will show you where he all is pierced!!!



It's my fault!
Not my parents,
not my brothers,
not my friends,
not my favorite bands,
not computer games,
not the media,
it's mine."
- quote from
Columbine killer
Dylan



Elephant

a film by
GUS VAN SANT

Waco Films in association with First Line Productions presents
A New Line Company Production in association with New Line's Jax: ELEPHANT
Directed by Gus Van Sant. Screenplay by Rupert Davis and Gus Van Sant. Produced by Rupert Davis and Gus Van Sant. Starring Ryan Reynolds, Jesse Krawinkel, and others.
Distributed by New Line Pictures and Screenplay by Gus Van Sant
RATED R FOR LANGUAGE, DRUG USE, AND SOME SMOKING
www.elephantmovie.com



Dylan: "If you could see all the anger I've stored over the past four fucking years... I'm going to kill you all. You've been giving us shit for years. You're fucking going to pay for all the shit. We don't give a shit because we're going to die doing it. I hope we kill 250 of you."

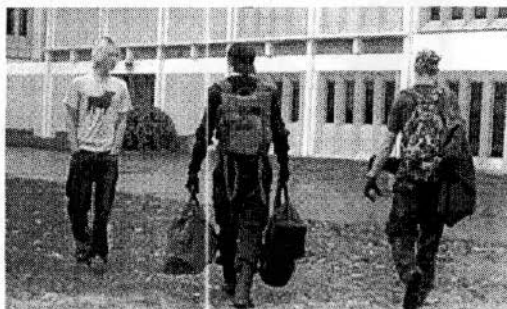
What happened at Columbine? Could students be pushed so far that they feel the only way to resolve issues with assholes at school is to blow them away? Is it the school's fault? Or are the killers already a little insane? This movie by Gus Van Sant tries to get the audience to answer these questions as he does his own telling of Columbine. The characters are cute the movie itself is beautiful and yet terrifying. A must see for anyone who has felt this kind of tension within their own school between the popular kids and the kids treated like second class people.

The elephant is a metaphor and the audience does not see it until the very end. The film follows ordinary Oregon high school students (none are professional actors). They use their real names and participate in activities that they normally enjoy in their own schools. What is different is the ending to this particular day. Be forewarn that this is a very violent movie.

What makes this movie a must see for queer kids is its reference to this high school's GSA. The question "How do you know someone is gay?" becomes almost a foreshadowing in a plot twist within the movie. Are gay students harassed in schools? Are there people who whisper when you are around, or ones that even loudly pronounce their detest for those who can love another of the same sex?

This movie will be out on video in May but you can check the trailer out at:

www.elephantmovie.com





Queer Art



Queers in Film

A listing of some great queer movies you should check out. Look for a lot more queer friendly movies at Four Star Video or visit a Bongo Video and look for the Rainbow Stickers.

Beautiful Thing: Cute English boys who have to deal with homophobia and their feelings for each other.

Trick: Two boys, one a passive pianist the other a go-go boy, searching for that right place to hook-up. Someone please shoot Tori Spelling!

Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert: A must see queer movie. Get a pad and pencil and get ready to write down some of the best one-liners a drag queen ever said!.

Bound: One hot boyish lesbian and another one with a weird voice. They take on the mob with dyke power.

The Celluloid Closet: Did you know Charles Heston played gay characters. Neither did he (the screen writers were too shy to tell him!!). This is a good resource on many other queer movies out there.

Torch Song Trilogy: Another must see movie. Deals with homophobia, relationships, adoption, parents and being gay and Jewish. Very touching.

Hanging Garden: A movie written as a play, it follows a gay man's return home after running away to leave his homophobic family behind. Touches on suicide and depression.

My Own Private Idaho: What do you get when River Phoenix and Keenau Reeves are together naked? This movie. Thank you again Gus Van Sant.

Ma Vie En Rose: A French film that follows a boys desire to be a girl and the neighbor boy he seduces.

Velvet Goldmine: Boys..Glitter...Rock and Roll...nudity... Drugs and complete Camp make this a must see movie for all the glam/fairy boys out there. Mmm..Ewan McGregor.

WHERE TO GO WHEN THE FUCK GOT FUCKED UP!!

Ow! You were stupid. He was cute, you were horny, you didn't use a condom, and now your in pain. What you should know and where you should go!

Chlamydia: Symptoms show up in 7-21 days: Watery white/yellow discharge from penis or vagina. Feels like your pissing out razor blades. Can get it in your throat (feels like a sore throat) through oral sex and in your penis through oral sex & penis and butt through butt sex.

Gonorrhea: Symptoms in 2-21 days. Thick yellow drip from penis or vagina. Pissing razor blades. Need to piss more. Can get it in penis, vagina, butt and throat.

Syphilis: Symptoms in 3-12 weeks. A painless reddish-brown sore on the mouth, penis, vagina, breasts or fingers. Goes away but you still got Syphilis. Can cause brain damage if untreated.

Herpes: Symptoms 1-30 days. Spread through skin to skin contact (does not need penetration or ejaculation). Blisters appear around genitals (burning & itching). Herpes is a virus so cannot be cured.

HPV (Genital Warts): Symptoms 1-8 months. Small warts around genitals or anus. Virus cannot be cured but warts can be removed. Lead cause of Cervical Cancer in women.

Hepatitis B: passed through unprotected oral, anal, vag sex. Causes inflammation to your liver. You may turn yellow and possibly permanently damage your liver. GET VACCINATED!! Ask your school nurse or go to Public Health on E. Wash to get vaccinated.

HIV: You should all know how this is spread. Symptoms can take up to 10 years. If you have had unprotected sex and /or shared needles, please go to AIDS Network, MCHC, Planned Parenthood or Public Health to be tested. We now have an HIV test where you get your results back in 20 min.

You can go get free STD Testing and treatment at:
Madison Community Health Center: 443.5480
2202 S. Park St.

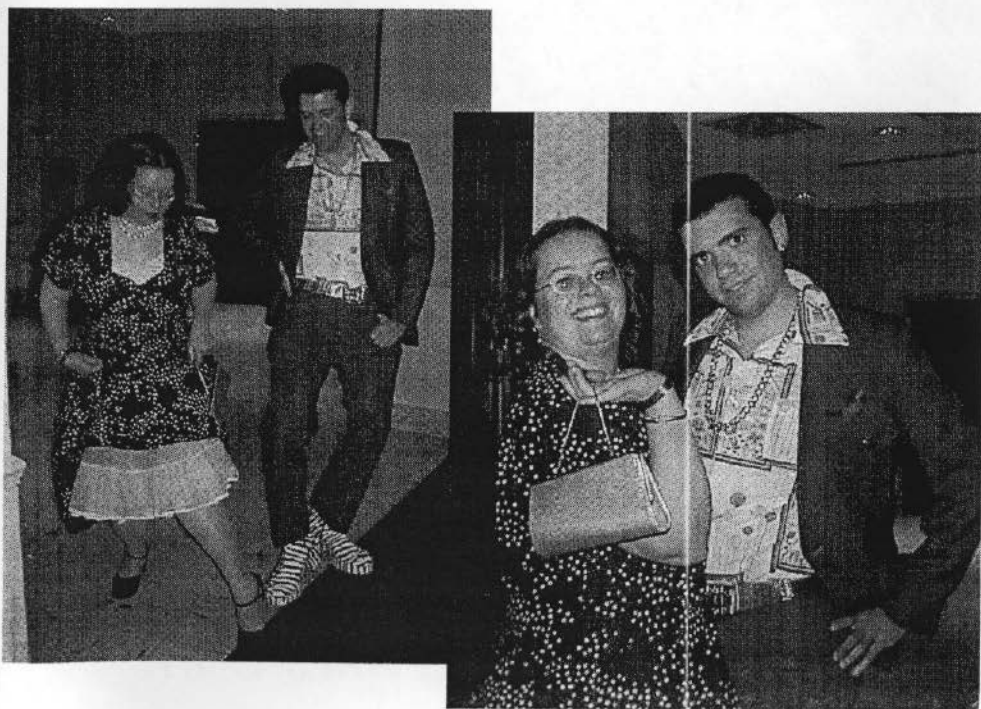
Who are those crazy HIV Outreach workers??

Not only are we styling, but we are awesome people as well!!! How's that for modesty? Both of us are working to decrease the transmission of HIV through education and harm reduction.

Heidi works with Injection Drug Users (IDU) making sure they have clean needles and education on the drugs they are using, how to stay HIV-, how to keep themselves physically healthy and where they can go to get good treatment for alcohol and drug addiction

Shawn is a crazy homo who works with Men who have sex with Men (MSM). This includes guys who are gay, bi, questioning or nonlabeled but still has sex with other guys. You probably have seen him around TPS dances, occasionally at TLU, sometimes at GLESN conferences and even at club 5 on 18+ night. He usually has a supply of condoms as well as HIV testing information. Although a little different, an all over cool guy.

So if you see either one of us around, say hello cause we love to talk to everyone especially queer kids. Who else would appreciate our styles??



SEX....ROMANCE LOVE....LUST

RIEF ARGUMENT ON WHAT GAY
LES REALLY LOOK FOR.

By: Yours Truly

Sex:

Are we destined to be in monogamous relationships or should we try to be with as many people as we can while we can?

Who has been told that you should, while you are young, have a free sexual life with many sexual experience?

Some believe that after a LTR, one tries to block the pain of leaving that person with multiple false intimacies.

It has been found that gay men tend to have sex with those they want to be friends with, as if sex is a means to bring friends closer together as a group. Is this true? Can we be friends without fucking?

Has sex lost its intimacy and has sex put more stress on what it means to be gay?

Love:

Will you meet a boy that you can stay with for longer then a few weeks or months?

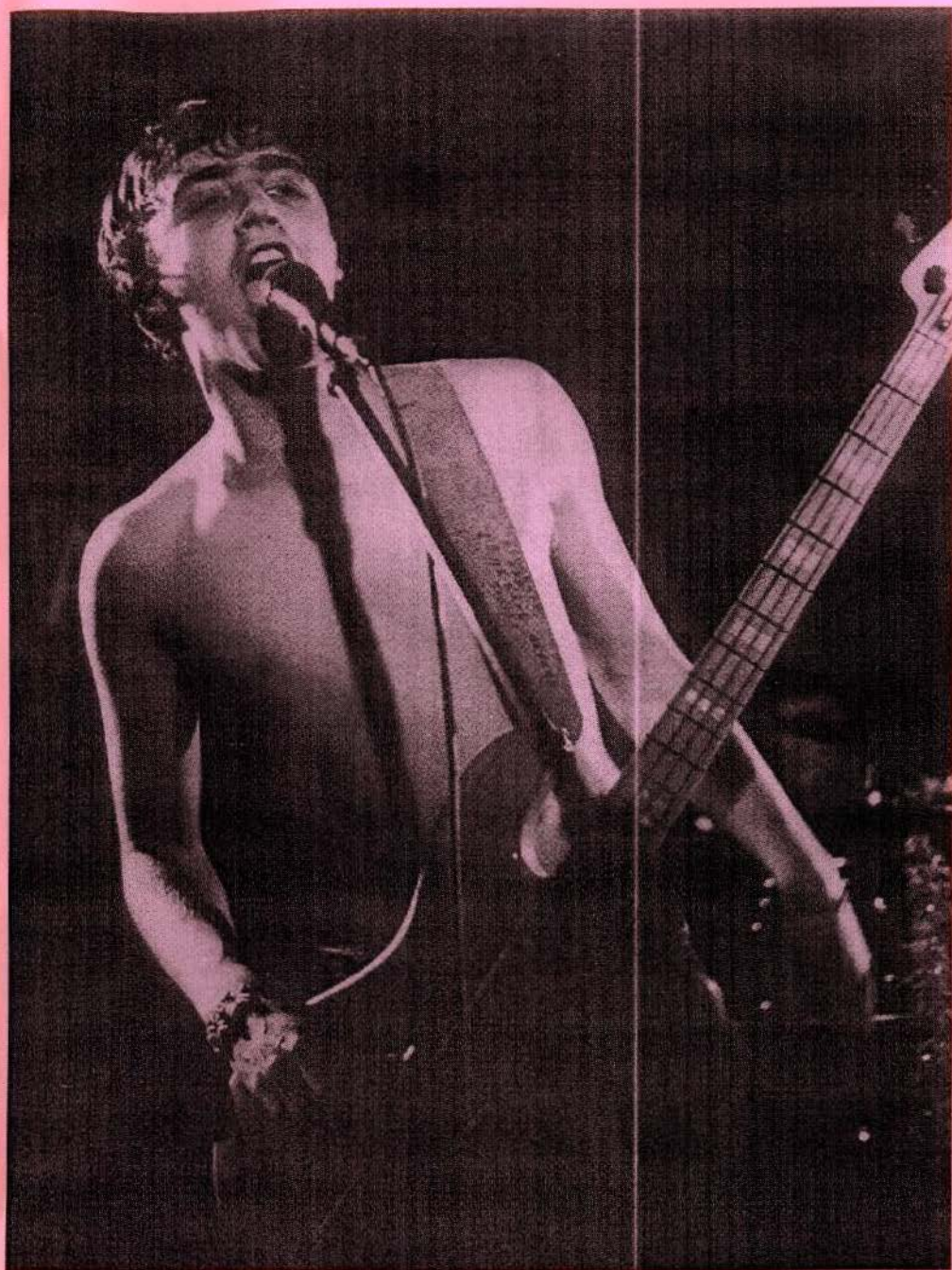
What if the boy you love tells you that he has been with many boys before? What if he told you he hadn't been with anyone before? Would you still be comfortable being with him.

Why do we have sex? Does it lead us to believe that we are loved for that short amount of time. Can sex with one person be enough? What if the sex wasn't that crazy? Would you still love him?

Does social homophobia and the inability to have sex when we want, tend to get us to want crazy amounts of sex when we can get it?

Are we looking for boyfriends or friends who are boys that we can have sex with if we want?

Does Love exist and how long will you search for someone who you will be able to love? If you meet him, will you be ready to love?

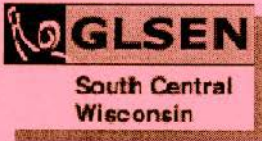


Sing Faggot....Sing Kweeer
We'll come to you
and take away your fear

Want More??

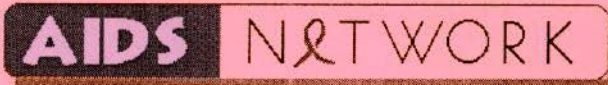


** Mama Mark wants me to clarify that these organizations do not support nor condone this awesome zine



Start a GSA or learn more about one near you.
<http://www.glsenscw.org/>

*Dyke...
Just Do Ho*



Talk to Shawn, he likes you
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Sneal@madisonaidsnetwork.k



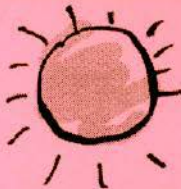
A list of Famous GLBT African-Americans
<http://www.blackstripe.com/>



For more Gay Jewish info
<http://www.glbtejews.org/>



A great GLBT youth site from UK
<https://mogenic.com/>



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TRANSGENDER CENTER

For all that is gay in Madison
Coming out groups, 18-24 yr old groups,
Gay men circles...
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